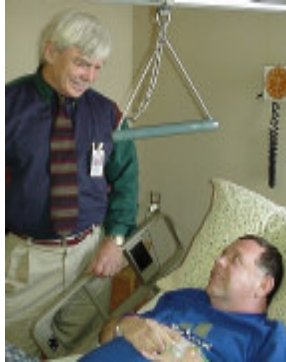


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**Religious Services** – Division of Prisons authorizes religious practices for all major religions. Organized worship services are provided for most faith groups. The Division of Prisons employs chaplains at many prisons. The role of the chaplain is to assist and encourage inmates in spiritual matters and provide spiritual counseling. Chaplains, along with religious volunteers from the community, provide each week at the prisons Bible study, worship services, religious training, and ministry to the inmates. Division of Prisons has rules on what religious items inmates can have in their possession.



Chaplains are available at most prison facilities to lead religious services and counsel inmates

**Parenting Programs** – The Division of Prisons recognizes the importance of family. A number of classes are offered that assist inmates in being better parents by helping them to recognize the needs of their children, and responsibilities to them. These programs help inmates work to maintain and improve relationships with their children and family during this difficult time and upon their release.

Some of the parenting programs offered are Motherhead, F.A.T.H.E.R. (Fathers Acting To Heal , Educate and Reconnect), Father Accountability , STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting), and Prison MATCH (Mothers and Their Children). Parenting programs are offered at various prisons. The MATCH Program is only offered at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh.